

Mrs. Lulu Messer Davis will leave the city on Monday for her home in Kansas.

After a most successful year, Miss Neta Turner will spend the summer in Boston, as usual, to better prepare herself for her work next fall.

Messrs. William Payne and Oliver Price, left the city this week for New York.

Miss Louise Smallwood, who is making quite a record in the department of physical culture, will spend the summer at Harvard under careful and excellent instructors.

The summer school at Hampton, Va., promises to be very successful. Prof. Brown has secured the services of some of the best lights of the educational arena.

Mrs. Jannetta Woode, the wife of Dr. C. Henri Woode and Mrs. Popeland, both of Vicksburg, Miss., are stopping at the home of Mr. Jefferson Thomas, 1629 N. J. avenue.

Mr. F. S. Belcher, left the city last Tuesday for the city of New York after a successful term in the medical department of Howard University.

Mr. W. S. Boyd, formerly of this city, but now of New York, is expected the first of the month. While here he will be the guest of his mother Mrs. Boyd and his sister, Mrs. Rosa Batts of 414 1st street northwest.

Memorial exercises were held in the 10th Street church last Sunday afternoon, in memory of Mr. Houston, a prominent member of the U. O. of D. F.

Miss Holmes, of L street, has been appointed as Miss Bruce's successor as organist. The lady will no doubt successfully fill the position.

Mr. James T. Walker, will take charge of the 19th St. choir, during the summer months while chorister Ben Washington is spending his vacation out of the city.

Mrs. Edward Branham, of Arlington, Va., was in the city this week.

Mrs. James Greenfield has returned to the city after a pleasant stay in Petersburg, Va.

Mr. Charles Jones is expected in the city this week.

Miss Mamie Ware will rusticate at Hampton, Va. near the Bay.

Miss Mikie Cook, principal of James school, accompanied by Miss Anne Williamson left for Denver on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, where they will be the guests of the latter's sister.

Ms. Leary of Edenton, N. C., spent last week in the city, the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. O. Williams of Leinhardt. She returned last Wednesday leaving her daughter, Mrs. James Remy, convalescing. The latter will spend the summer at her Edenton home as soon as her health will permit.

Prof. H. M. Brown of Hampton Institute, was in the city last week.

Prof. Robert H. Terrell of the High school left the city for Boston, Mass., Sunday evening.

Attorney Thomas L. Jones was taken seriously ill on Tuesday evening at the court and was driven to his home by Mr. Wm. H. Brooker.

Register J. W. Lyons left with his wife and children for his home in Augusta, Ga., last week.

Ex-Governor P. B. S. Pinchback of this city is in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Maggie Ford of Long Branch, returned to her home last Saturday morning, after a most delightful visit here as the guest of Miss Lottie Richardson of O Street. While here she was the recipient of much attention.

At the end of twelve years of faithful service, Miss Blennie Bruce resigns the position of organist of the 19th St. Baptist church, owing to the exigence of her duties in other walks of life. She was regular, faithful and attentive to her charge. As a token of the esteem in which she was held by the members of the choir, an entertainment was given by them in her honor on last Wednesday evening.

A reception was held at the 19th St. Baptist church last Tuesday night in honor of Miss Blennie Bruce, who tendered her resignation as organist of that church. A large and intelligent audience was present. This reception was tendered by the choir, which held Miss Bruce in high esteem. On Sunday morning the church presented Miss Bruce with a beautiful, cherry, writing-desk and Mr. Ellis Brown, in behalf of the teachers of summer school, presented her with a handsome stool. Miss Bruce, in a few little speech accepted them with delight.

The accomplished Miss Carrie Burrell has accepted the position offered her in the schools of Orange, N. J. The following incident led to her appointment: while the pupils in the class were being engaged in practice work they were being observed by a gentleman who was visiting the school from Orange, N. J. Being particularly impressed with Miss Burrell's way of manner and discipline and wonderful teaching ability, the visitor expressed a desire to obtain her services for the schools of his home. After the young lady consulted her parents, she accepted the position at a salary of \$700, receiving two hundred dollars more than has ever been paid for the position, and being the first colored appointee to the schools of Orange, New Jersey.

The trustees are to be congratulated for allowing so many pupils to take advantage of the Normal School training.

At six o'clock last Wednesday evening Miss Lulu S. Chase was very pleasantly surprised by her pupils at her residence. The occasion was a surprise party in her honor. A very interesting program was followed consisting of:

Recitation.....Flossie Hunt  
Recitation.....Master Louis Jackson  
Solo.....Laura Early  
Instrumental Music.....Marie Johnson  
Solo.....Daisy Rob  
Recitation.....Ethel Waller.  
After this the pupils and teacher repaired to the dining room where a delicious collation had been prepared by the little pupils of the 7th grade, Garnet school.

The marriage ceremony of Miss Estelle G. Lewis and Mr. Surphane Payne was solemnized by the Rev. Father Dougherty at the residence of the bride, corner of 18th and L streets, Wednesday evening June 28th.

Promptly at 8 o'clock, the beautiful strains of the wedding march, artistically rendered by Mr. Minor Bird, filled the room, when the groom, attended by the best man, Mr. W. R. Turner of New York entered the room. The conventional black suit was worn whose appearance was added to by the kingling figures it adorned.

In all her loveliness and native grace, entered the bride on the arm of Mr. Richard Wells, her uncle, in her robes of pure white, preceded by the maid of honor, Miss Nina Wooden who filled her pathway with beautiful flowers which odor filled the evening air. The bride was beautifully gowned in organza which was elaborate and handsomely trimmed with lace and ribbon. Upon the folds of her robe rested the flaky mesh of her veil, which was fastened to the hair with lilies of the valley and which was the gift of her aunt, Mrs. Ophel Wells of Chicago. After the ceremony, the guests proceeded to the dining room, where a handsome collation was in waiting prepared by T. Freund.

#### OUR NORMAL SCHOOL.

MANY OF THE HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES FAILED TO ENTER—TRUSTEE RICHARDSON TOOK A HAND.

The recent examination of the High school developed the fact that many of the graduates failed to enter the Normal school. The indignation of the pupils and their parents was only mildly expressed when this fact was made known. Why so many of the best High school pupils failed to enter the Normal school and only so many of the present pupils were successful was something, that could not be understood. All kinds of suspicions were raised and indignation expressed. Trustee Richardson who believes in giving all High school pupils who are competent, the benefit of a normal school training, laid the matter before the committee and was successful in having the remainder of the 22 High school pupils to enter the Normal school. It is a well known fact that there has been a great deal of opposition manifested on the part of a certain teacher to the increase of admissions to the Normal school. The Bee is not aware whether it is laziness or incompetency or not. The committee took the right view of the matter and there will now be at least 55 admissions to the Normal school greatly to the chagrin and disgust of those who made the opposition.

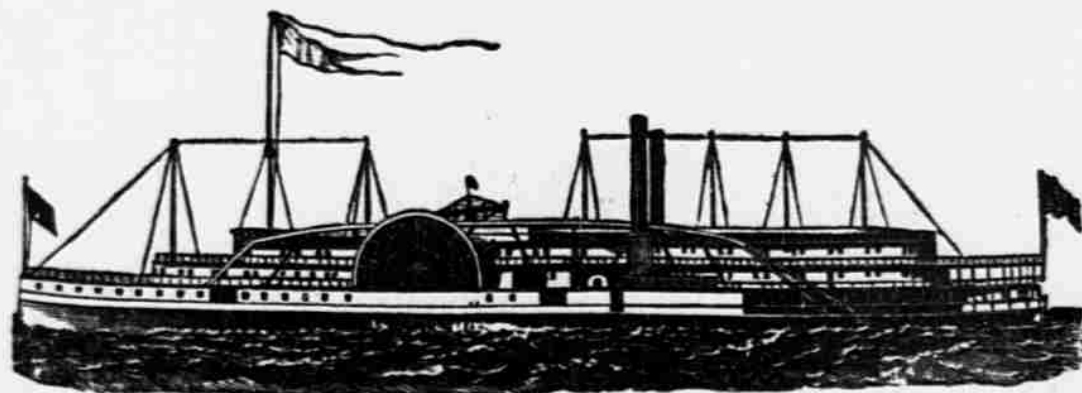
#### HARRIS—WOOD

The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Burrell Wood was filled on Wednesday evening with admiring friends, who had gathered to witness the marriage of their daughter, Kate, to Mr. Lemuel Harris. The parlor was beautifully decorated with palms among which stood Rev. W. H. Brooks awaiting the coming of the bridal party. Promptly at the hour named the guests were informed of their approach when the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March were played by Miss Hattie Ross. The bride entered the room leaning on the arm of her father, she was preceded by the bridesmaid Miss Ottie Brooks, who was tastefully dressed in ribbon trimmed organza. The bride was attired in white silk which fell in soft, graceful folds about her as she stood before the minister to be united to Mr. Harris. Both parties being so well known, they were fairly showered with handsome gifts. Among those present were Mesdames Pierre, Lawson, Johnson, Lewis, Lula Jackson and White, Misses E. Wormley, L. Randolph and sister, M. Burrell, L. Praeter, M. Beckett, C. Burrell, L. Robinson, Ella Cusback, J. Jones, Fannie and Rebecca Moten, C. Payne L. Piper O. Contee, A. K. Jackson and sister, G. Lightfoot and B. Brooks, Messrs. E. Scott, Boston, Wells, Chinn, Thomas, Burrell and Burke, Miss Channie Patterson.

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#### ELEPHANTS IN THE ARMY.

Some Points as to Their Employment by the British in India.

One of the most interesting features of the English army life presented to the layman in India is furnished by the remarkable efficiency of the elephant brigade, most highly developed through the skill of the Burmese in handling the giant animals. Their usefulness in India can scarcely be imagined by one not familiar with the amount and variety of work which they accomplish, but it would be a serious mistake to imagine that this degree of usefulness is attained through any aptitude of the unwieldy animals or natural tendency toward it. It is due solely and entirely to the wonderful ability of the natives in training the huge animals and overcoming their natural inclinations. This cannot be too highly praised. Neither must it be imagined that the use of elephants in army life is not attended by great disadvantages, not the least of which is the difficulty with which they are transported.

Naturally the elephant is not an intelligent animal. He can be taught remarkable things, in which his strength and endurance play an important part. He can never, however, perform these feats without continual attendance and direction. Abstractly, his power of work is unappreciable; when directed by skillful hands, however, it is remarkable.

The transportation facilities which are provided for the sole use of the elephants are quite as remarkable. I witnessed recently the loading and unloading of a lot of elephants on the Madras Railway. Both were remarkable processes. In loading a rope is fastened to his fore-leg, and a lot of natives haul and pull at it to induce the animal to take the first steps into the car. This is only accomplished, however, by admonishing him in the haunch by means of a tusk. The first step taken is rapidly followed by the others until he stands safely on the car.

This portion of the task is accomplished comparatively easily, however, when compared with the next. At first he is timid and slightly frightened, but when the car starts his fear is wonderful to behold. Though he may ride a hundred times he never overcomes this fear, though it is much more pronounced when he takes his initial ride after, say two months' acquaintance with civilization. He rears the air with wild trumpeting, endeavors fruitlessly to escape, and only ceases his efforts when the car has again come to a standstill.

Of course, wonderfully strong cars are necessary to hold him. They are made completely of iron, with huge iron bars rising to a height of ten or twelve feet above the platform. Often these cars are rendered useless by the twisting of the bars, due to the application of the occupant's remarkable strength.

In transporting the elephant by sea the difficulties are almost as great. They are raised by means of a canvas sling from the wharf to the ship, struggling to escape and rending the air with the cries. Once aboard ship they are easily managed, the motion not affecting them, because they do not see the moving panorama before them. Unloading them is easy. They are lowered to a raft beside the ship and allowed to swim ashore. They take to the water easily and are excellent swimmers, being able to swim eight or ten miles at a stretch without tiring.

The size of the Indian elephant is usually about eight feet in height and ten feet in length. The male is a little larger, perhaps, eleven feet, and weighing about 5,000 pounds.

#### A Pure and Simple Poker Story.

This is a poker story pure and simple. It was a particularly naughty game, too, because it was played by a young woman of high social standing against her own father, and the cheating that went on—but that comes later in the tale.

The thing really began last summer. This particular girl began to tease her respected papa for a new horse and trap.

Papa pleaded poverty, but the young woman kept on until the other night the thing was at last decided.

"I think it's mean," she cried almost tearfully. "You and Uncle Tom and the boys were playing poker last night, and I know you won. You might give me that trap."

Papa laughed and said something about penny ante, but one of the aforementioned "boys" who happened to be present suddenly looked up at the woe-begone maiden with a sly wink.

"I tell you what, Uncle Joe," he drawled, "suppose you play for it. If you win she's never to mention it again under penalty of starvation, and if she wins she can have it."

Papa puffed a bit, but Uncle Tom came in and joined against him, the girl herself was willing, and so, as her luck on the few occasions when she had played poker had been proverbially bad, at last her stern parent relented, and the game began.

But he had counted without his host. There were three, not one, against him, and "the cards they were stacked in a way that I grieve."

He began to lose and kept on losing. He held fair hands, but his daughter's were always a little better, and for such a greenhorn at the game she played them with a skill that was remarkable.

Of course she won. The game was got up with the express purpose that she should win.

And equally, of course, she got the trap. She has it now. They meant to tell papa the "little joke," but they haven't yet, because he is heard to use improper language whenever the dainty vehicle comes in view. Also, incidentally, he has left off playing poker. Says he can't afford it. Whereat his wife is joyful. So wasn't that a case of one small wrong making two rights?

The rarest pocket handkerchief in the world is possessed by Queen Margaret of Italy. It is of lace, is estimated to be worth \$5,920, and took twenty years to weave. The handkerchief is so light that it is scarcely felt if placed on the hand.

Eggs at twelve cents a dozen are cheap food. At sixteen cents they are expensive, and at twenty-five cents a dozen they are extravagant.

#### KEY TO PYRAMIDS.

STONE IN BRITISH MUSEUM WHICH MADE PLAIN EGYPTIAN RECORDS.

Manners, Customs and Religious Rites of the Ancient Egyptian Brought to Light Through the Rosetta Stone—Three Languages Cut in It.

There are many historic and famous stones in the world, but few of them possess the value and interest of the piece of black basalt called the "Rosetta Stone," mounted in the west gallery of the British Museum. How many pass idly by this strangely shaped object each day and scarce give it the most casual attention. As a matter of fact, had it not been for the Rosetta Stone, our linguists would have been absolutely at a loss to decipher the Egyptian records; the hieroglyphic characters would have been meaningless tracings.

This stone, however, proved the key to the language of Egypt, and the importance of the work which has been accomplished through this knowledge is very great indeed. For instance, many points of dispute in relation to ancient history have been cleared up, and, in some instances, important passages of the Bible—especially relating to the period of time when the Hebrews dwelt "in the land of Egypt"—have been elucidated.

The manners, customs and religious rites of the Egyptians have been brought to light, and through this stone, we are enabled to obtain an insight into the early history of this wonderful people. With far-seeing sagacity the mind which directed the cutting of the inscriptions upon the Rosetta Stone had it done in three different languages—no doubt with a view to making the hieroglyphic characters understood by the clever Greeks, the most intellectual people in the world at the time.

The Rosetta Stone is written in three languages—the Hieroglyphic, or language known only to the priest caste; the Demotic, or Enchirial, the common speech of the people, and the Greek. Had it not been for the use of the Greek, it is doubtful if the Rosetta Stone would ever have been deciphered. Of course, every classical scholar has a knowledge of Greek; by this knowledge the inscriptions in Egyptian language on the other parts of the stone were easily made out, and, by use of the key thus afforded, the whole of the characters of Egypt—which are picture words—became very easy to read, just as one may decipher the most difficult of cryptograms if he be possessed of a key.

The stone in question is of black basalt, as has been said. It is 3 feet 7 inches long, 2 feet 6 inches wide, containing one-third of the Hieroglyphic and nearly all of the Greek portions, the upper part and some of the sides having been broken away. The inscriptions on the stone pertain to a decree in honor of Ptolemy Epiphanes by the priests of Egypt, assembled at a synod at Memphis. The synod was convened on account of his remission of the arrears of taxes, and dues owed by the Sacerdotal body. So it seems, even in those early days, the "Sacerdotal body" were ready to convoke synods on the slightest provocation, especially in regard to their "dues and taxes."

This in itself is an instructive lesson, which shows us that the world is about the same today as it was in B. C. 196, when the stone was set up. The Rosetta Stone in the British Museum is the only discovered specimen of the numerous inscriptions of a similar nature set up at the same time.

The stone was found in 1799 by M. Boussard, a French officer of engineers, during the French occupation of Egypt. It was unearthed in an excavation made at Fort St. Julien, near Rosetta, a city of Egypt, on the west bank of the old Bolbitic Nile. The name "Rosetta" is derived from an old Egyptian word "Rousat," meaning "the mouth of the Nile." Recent excavations show that this stone was found on the site of a temple dedicated to Necho II. of the twenty-sixth dynasty. The worshippers in this temple paid homage to the Solar God, Atum or Tum.

#### Romance of Siam's Great Peaks.

Siam's greatest mountain range is the Sam Roi Yawt, or the three hundred peaks. A quaint legend, which explains their origin is set forth by the Siamese geologists as follows:

"It appears that one Mong Lai and his wife once inhabited the neighborhood (they were giants), and each promised their daughter in marriage, unknown to the other, to a different suitor. At last the day of the nuptials arrived, and Chao Lai and the Lord of Miamg Chin (China) both arrived to claim the bride. When the horrified father found how matters stood—having a regard for the value of a promise, which is not too common in the East—he cut his daughter in half, so that neither suitor should be disappointed.

Chao Lai in the meantime, on finding that he had a rival, committed suicide, and the peak of Chao Lai is the remains of his body. The unfortunate bride is to be found in the islands off Sam Roi Yawt, the peaks of which are the remains of the gifts which were to be made to the holy man who was to solemnize the wedding, while the Kaw Chang and Kaw King, on the east side of the gulf, are the elephant and buffalo cart in which the presents were brought."

#### A Strange Retribution.

A rare paper printed in Arabic in Cairo states that a villager of Mewmich sold some land. After discussing with his wife the best hiding place, he decided to put the money under the mattress of the baby's cot. Of course the entire village knew of the sale, and that night three robbers came to get the money. The baby began crying, and one of the robbers carried it out, cot and all. The father and mother, awakening, rushed out to rescue their treasure, but the man who had taken out the baby rushed back to join his comrades. In the turmoil the mud walls of the house were pulled down, crushing the three robbers, while the peasants, the baby and the money were safe outside.

Women admire a brave man and love an audacious one.

It's a wise girl that is able to analyze her own complexion.

There are no longer any farms in Northern Illinois. They have all been annexed to Chicago and cut up into town lots.